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**SALEM COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION
ANNOUNCES NEW SPEAKERS PROGRAM**

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder Beth Timberman, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Commission, announced that the Salem County Cultural and Heritage Commission is offering a new speakers program as part of its 2012 New Jersey History Grant program.

“This new offering is meant to increase public accessibility to high quality lectures focusing on New Jersey history,” said Freeholder Timberman.

Supported by funding from the New Jersey Historical Commission, this program features two programs exploring topics related to New Jersey and the Civil War. Catherine S. Medich from the New Jersey State Archives, Trenton, will discuss the resources available at the Archives to research Civil War veterans from New Jersey and James R. Stephans, Historic Cold Spring Village, Cape May, will present an interesting program focusing on South Jersey and the Civil War – Myths and Reality.

“With the launch of the Civil War Sesquicentennial this year, the Civil War focus for this new program seemed especially appropriate,” said Freeholder Timberman.

The lectures are available at no charge to host organizations, which can include any non-profit organization in Salem County, not just history-oriented agencies. Host agencies simply must agree to provide free public access to the program and to publicize the event. Because the number of presentations available is limited, organizations interested in hosting a presentation must submit a brief application outlining the experience in presenting public programs and their ability to reach and attract audiences. Applications must be received by September 30, 2011, and will be reviewed by a panel of history professionals. Successful applicants will be announced in November.

“I want to encourage organizations to apply for this exciting new program,” said Timberman. “The application is very simple and easy to complete and the programs promise to be very interesting.”

The New Jersey Historical Commission is a division of the Department of State whose mission is to enrich the lives of the public by preserving the historical record and advancing interest in and awareness of New Jersey's past. Its grant program is the largest in the state focusing specifically on New Jersey history.

Applications for this new program as well as the Commission's Arts and History Re-Grants are available upon request by contacting the Commission's staff: James F. Turk, (856-935-7510 x8384; james.turk@salemcountynj.gov) or Irene Wanner (856-935-7510 x8532; irene.wanner@salemcountynj.gov). The deadline for all applications is September 30, 4 pm.

The Salem County Cultural and Heritage Commission is a public agency whose members are appointed by the Freeholders to represent the cultural and heritage interests of the County's fifteen municipalities